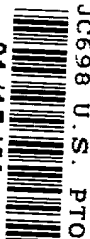


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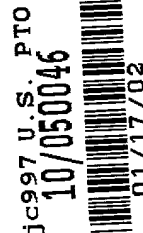
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For: **Systems and Methods for Illuminating a Platen in a Print Scanner**
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 - ii. 6 pages of claims (37 claims - 6 independent claims);
 - iii. a one (1) page abstract;
 - b. 12 sheets of drawings: (Figures 1A-B, 2, 3A-C, 4, 5, 6A-D, and 7-8); and
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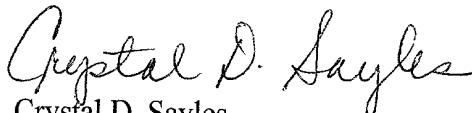
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